Other allowances relating to stations abroad are reviewed from time to time, in consultation with the mission concerned depending upon changes in local conditions including cost of living and othir relevant factors. A proposal to pay India-based employees in Moscow fully in hard currency is presently being processed.

Foreign visits by Prime Minister

3266. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the foreign countries visited by the Prime Minister of India ag well as Minister of External Affairs during the last six months;

(b) the objectives and outcome of each such visit; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far at international level conference of official levels meetings to check Pakistan's continued propaganda war over Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) and (b) The information is given in statements at Statement-I and II, which are laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(c) Government have apprised foreign Governments about the correct historical perspective of the Kashmir issue, Pakistan's illegal occupation of a part of Kashmir and its encouragement and sponsorship of terrorism and subversion. There is acknowledgement by foreign Governments as well as independent observers of Pakistan's role and the Government of Pakistan has been cautioned by foreign Governments to desist from such activity.

Statement I

Visits of Prime Minister Abroad

Country visited	Dates of Visit	Objectives/Outcome
1	2	3
Germany	. September 5-7, 1991	The visit was a essentially a good-wiii visit, the main purpose of which was to inaugurate, along with Chancellor Kohl, the Festival of India. The visit provided an cpperiunity for extensive exchanges with German Icades on bilateral and internaticnf 1 issus including Indo-German eccncmic and commercialrdaticr s.
Zimbabwe	. Oc;ober 15- 22,1991	To attend the Ccrnmonwdih Herds of Government Meeting held at Hart re. The Prime Minister also met a number of Commonwealth Jeaders and d ifcussed bilateral and international questicrs
Venezuela	. November 27- 29,1591	Led tl:e Indian ddigalkn to the state Meeting of the Summit Level Grcup on South-South Consultation and Cooperation (G-15) of which India is a member.
Sri Lanka	. December 21, 199]	To attend the Sixih Mecting g of the Heads of State/Government of the member couniries of the Scuth Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) at Colombo.

1	2	3
		To attend the Security Council Meeting at the Summit level. Prime Minister not only articulated India s views on issues under consideration, but plso utilised this opportunity for important bilateral meetings with the Heads of State/Government -attending the Summit.
New York (UN)	. January 31,1992 .	Addressed to Plenary Session of the Annual Meeting of World Economic Leaders organised by he World Economic Forum at Davos.

Statement- II

Visit of Minister of External Affairs Abraod

Country Visited	Date of Visit 2	Objective/Outcome 3
Ghara	. 2-9-91—7-9-91	To attend N in-aligned Ministerial Meeting at Accra.
Kenya	. 9-9-91-10-9-91	Trasnsit visit External Affairs Minister had a meeting with his cunterpart and discussed bilateral issues and global issues of mutual interest.
Germany	. 18-9-91-20-9-91	Bilateral Consultations
U.K.	. 20-9-91—23-9-91	Bilateral Consultations.
New York (UN) .	. 23-9-91-29-9-91	To attend 46th Session of UN General Assembly.
Canada	. 30-9-91- 3-10-91	Bilateral Consultations.
Zimbabwe	. 15-10-91- 22-10-91	Accompanied Prime Minister to attend Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings at Harare.
France	. 23-10-91- 25-10-91	To sign the final agreements for the comprehensive political settlement of I Cambodian conflict.
Iran	. 9-11-91-12-11-91	To participate in the 5th Session of Indo-Iranian Joint Commission Meeting. Visit was highly successful in laying the ground for the all round development of Indo-Iranian bilateral reflations.
USSR	. 14-11-91-18-11-91	Paid an official visit at the invitation ol the then Foreign Minister of USSR, Mr. Boris Pankin. He held detailed discussions with the then President of USSR, Mr. Gorbachev, President Yelstin of Russian Federation and other leaders. Detailed discussions were held , on all aspect of bilateral relations.

1	2	3
Venezela .	27-11-91- -29-11-91	To participate in the 2nd Summit level meeting of the Group of South-South. Consultation and Cooperation (G-15) of which India is a member.
Sri Lanka .	20-12-91- -22-12-91	To attend the resumed 10th Session of Council of Minister Meeting and Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the Member Countries of *the* South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) held at Colombo.
Egypt; .	. 12-1-92- -16-1-92	For periodic bilatzral Consultations.
Japan .	19-1-92- 24-1-92	The Visit was at the invitation of the Deputy Minister & Foreign Minister of Japan, Mr. Miehio Watanabe. Visit generated further positive momentum in the political and economic dialogue between the two countries, particularly in context at of changed international climate and our new economic policies.
Switzerland (Davos)	. ' 29-1-92- -2-2-92	To participate in the Annual Meeting of World Economic Leaders organised by the World Lconomic Forum.
Cyprus;	3-2-92— -5-2-92	To attend the meeting of the Methodology Committee *ol* the Non-aligned Movement.
Switzerland (Geneva)	. 6-2-92	To participate in o meeting of G-15 Foreign Minister which discussed Position Paper on New World Order.
Kuwait	. 15-2-92- 16-2-92	The visit was official and it was aimed at furthering good bilateral relations, which have always existed between the two countries. .... .

Interview given by Indian Ambassador to Romania

, 3267. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH;
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNA!- AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's atten : tion has been drawn to the report published in the 'Indian Express' of 9rd March, 1992 under the heading "PHRO flays Ribeiro statement";

(b) if so, what are the details of the interview given by the Indian Ambassador to Romania about- the human rights groups;

(c) wnether it is a fact that the indian Ambassador described the human rights group as a bunch of mis-guiaed lawyers-misdirecFng terrorists and demanded a closer look into its credentials- and

(a) if so, what is Government's re-acion thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL. AFFAIRS (SHRl EDUARDO FALJ&. IRO): (a) Yes, Sir